

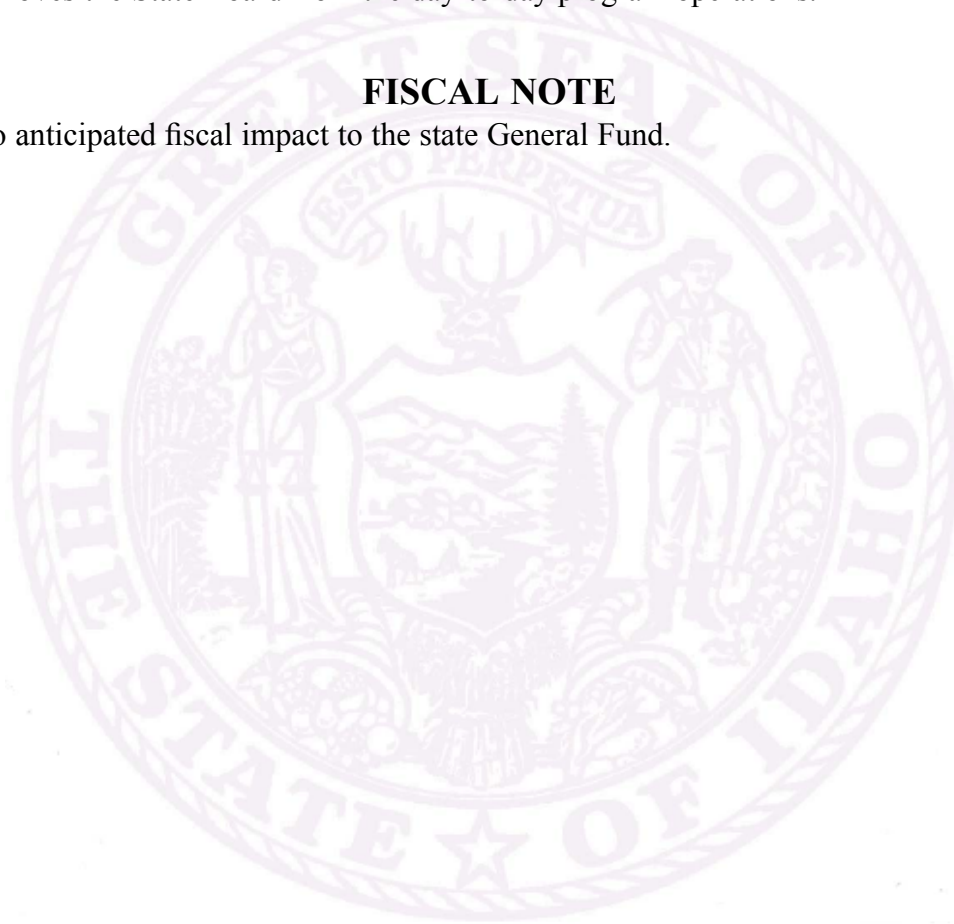
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this bill is to provide for improved educational opportunities for deaf and blind students across the state. It replaces the current "School for the Deaf and Blind" with the newly created "Idaho Bureau of Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind" and creates a Board of Directors to govern the Bureau's activities. The Bureau will be charged with working with school districts across the entire state to ensure the delivery of services to students in need and may operate a residency program. While the Bureau remains under the authority of the State Board of Education, this bill removes the State Board from the day-to-day program operations.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund.



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